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DEAR SIR:

WE SUPPORT THE PETITION TO BAN THE FORCED MOLTING OF LAYING HENS (DOCKET 98P-0203/CP). WE ARE TRULY BARBARIC IN OUR TREATMENT OF OUR FOOD ANIMALS AND THESE ANIMALS SUFFER THE MOST BECAUSE OF GREED. WE CAN NO LONGER CALL THEM FARM ANIMALS WHEN MANY OF THESE CHICKENS ARE CROWDED TOGETHER IN SMALL WIRE GAGES WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHERSIN THESE FACTORIES. THEY SUFFER FROM THE TIME THEY ARE BORN TO THEIR SHORT LIVED LIVES. EVEN OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS WORLD CONSIDER OUR PRACTICES TOWARDS OUR FOOD ANIMALS BARBARIC AND THEY WOULDN'T TOUCH OUR FOOD BECAUSE OF WHAT IS GIVEN TO THEM JUST TO SURVIVE. WE IN THIS COUNTRY PRIDE OURSELVES ON OUR HUMANITARIAN BELIEFS AND YET WE ALLOW THE FEW TO SATISFY THEIR GREED BY THE CONTINUOUS SUFFERING OF THESE CHICKENS. OUR CHICKENS ARE FULL OF SICKNESS AND ARE GIVEN DRUGS JUST TO KEEP THEM ALIVE UNTIL THEY ARE FED TO THE PUBLIC. ALL FOOD ANIMALS SHOULD BE TREATED HUMANLY UP TO THEIR DEATH. NOT ONLY HAVE I BEEN AFRAID TO EAT THE MEAT BECAUSE OF ALL THE GARBAGE THEY ARE FED, BUT I FINALLY REACHED A POINT WHERE I COULD NO LONGER BE A PART OF SUCH BARBARIC BEHAVIOR. SO MANY OF OUR FRIENDS ARE VEGETARIANS AND NOW I HAVE BEEN A VEGETARIAN FOR SIX MONTHS AND HAVE NEVER FELT THIS GOOD IN MY LIFE. IT WAS THE TREATMENT OF OUR FOOD ANIMALS THAT CHANGED MY WAY OF LIFE. BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION INSTEAD OF THE PROBLEM AND STOP THIS HEINOUS PRACTICE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION.

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